

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

Monday, 28 July 2025, 9:30 am

The Historic New Orleans Collection, Boyd Cruise Room 410 Chartres Street. New Orleans. LA 70130

1. Call to Order, Reading of the Agenda, and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM and the agenda was read into the record.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS				VOTES	
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve previous meeting notes	Approve FQMD to pay for one month of sanitation services
Frank	Zumbo	Х		Yes	Yes
Heidi	Raines	Х		Yes	Yes
Sue	Klein	Х		Yes	Yes
Christine	Bondio	Х		Yes	Yes
Jane	Cooper	X		Yes	Yes
Alex	Fein		Х	-	-

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

GUESTS				
First	Last	Role		
Mamie	Gasperecz	FQMD Commissioner		
David	Bilbe	FQMD Commissioner		
Joey	DiFatta	FQMD Commissioner		
Glade	Bilby	FQMD Commissioner		

2. Public Comment

No written public comment was received.

3. Motion – Consider a motion to approve the previous meeting notes

Frank Zumbo made a motion to approve the previous meeting notes. Christine Bondio seconded the motion, and it was approved.

4. Committee Chair's Comments

FQMD Chair Jane Cooper ran the meeting in Alex Fein's absence. Ms. Cooper welcomed the Committee and thanked everyone for coming in early and for a second time in July. FQMD Coordinator Shelby Ursu was on vacation & Executive Director Michelle Courseault was recused from the meeting.

 Motion – Consider a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners authorization to use French Quarter Management District funds to pay for one month of IV Waste sanitation services, if necessary, subject to reimbursement by the City of New Orleans.

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Discussion: Ms. Cooper noted a one month fee for sanitation services would be \$459,000 and that FQMD currently has \$913,438 in State Appropriations funding and \$651,767 in General Operating funds. The City Council Members-at-Large believe the Mayor will withhold payment on sanitation services and Stan Harris said the money would come from the State in that event. The State approved \$1,200,000.00 in July with \$270,000.00 being allocated for the Louisiana State Police French Quarter patrols. There is no documentation on how to get repaid by the City, but the FQMD contract with IV Waste does contain a 45 day or cancellation clause or immediate cancellation due to City non-payment. The first invoice would be received at the end of August, being due at the end of September for services beginning August 1st, 2025. The current IV Waste emergency contract with the City is until December 22, 2025 or whenever there is a legally binding permenant contract. There is State legislation *pending* to override the Mayor to ensure payment to IV Waste.

Heidi Raines noted that the current budget should be sent to the Board for suggestions for reallocation due to the new expense.

Mr. Zumbo motioned to recommend to the Board of Commissioners authorization to use French Quarter Management District funds to pay for one month of IV Waste sanitation services, if necessary, subject to reimbursement by the City of New Orleans or the State of Louisiana with the understanding that there will be an August 5th, 2025 budget review and amended reallocation of funds to meet this expense if needed. Ms. Raines seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Jane Cooper will contact FQMD's CPA to discuss this budget amendment.

6. New Business—To consider and take action upon any other matters that may properly come before the French Quarter Management District Finance & Development Committee

No new business was discussed.

7. Next Meeting Date:

The next scheduled meeting date of the Committee is Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, at 3:00 PM.

8. Adjournment

Ms. Bondio made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Raines seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.